

ARTILLERY BILL BEFORE CONGRESS

House Committee on Military Affairs Reports in Its Favor.

Provides For Expenditure of \$1,400,000 on This Branch.

Believed That the Measure Will Pass at This Session.

At a meeting of the House Military Affairs Committee yesterday afternoon, a favorable report was decided on regarding the bill to reorganize and increase the efficiency of the artillery of the United States Army.

A favorable report on this bill has already been voted by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, so that the bill is now pending before both bodies of Congress. Both committees have decided to report the bill substantially without amendment.

In the opinion of military men, the bill is one of the most important that has been brought before Congress for years. In the War Department and in army circles generally, there is a strong impression the bill will be passed at this session and will become law. It is the general verdict of army men that if it is enacted into law, it will mean a large step forward in the efficiency of the artillery corps of the army.

Provisions of Bill.

The bill contains various details that it is not necessary to discuss, but in general it provides for separation of the coast artillery from the field artillery, the increase of the coast artillery by 5,000 men, and the increase of the field artillery by about 1,000 men. It contemplates an immediate additional expenditure of \$1,400,000 on the artillery.

Under the present arrangement, it is well-known that the force provided for the manning of the guns of the coast artillery is inadequate. The field artillery of the United States is also weak in comparison with the field artillery of foreign nations that make pretensions to military prominence and military importance. The present bill is a rather modest attempt to improve the situation as regards both field and coast artillery.

Statement by Taft.

The statement of Secretary Taft before the House Committee on Military Affairs explains in a general way the

Kalaniana'ole Explains Mystery of Royal Pair

Hawaii Delegate in Congress Coming to Washington Alone.

Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole, former prince of the royal blood of Hawaii, at last has been heard from. The mystery of the absence of the Territorial Delegate in Congress from Hawaii has been solved, and the popular member from the Pacific is expected to arrive in Washington tomorrow night to resume his seat in the House.

A telegram has reached Manager Brown, of the Dewey Hotel, stating that the prince arrived in San Francisco two days ago and asking that everything be in readiness for his arrival tomorrow night.

Contrary to expectations of Washington society, the prince is coming alone, and his delay has been due to a serious illness of the princess that has rendered it impossible for her to make her appearance in Washington this season.

When the Hawaiian Delegate left for Honolulu at the close of the session last June, he retained his elaborate suite at the Dewey, with instructions that it be redecorated and refurnished and more rooms added to it, as he expected to bring his wife for this season, and they would do considerable entertaining. Accordingly, the rooms were all in readiness, having been converted into one of the most magnificent suites of the hotel, but when the session opened, the royal pair did not appear.

Announcement that the princess was coming set the social folk agog, for she

purposes of the bill. Secretary Taft said:

"The field artillery has become more and more important in the make-up of an army. The experiences of the Russo-Japanese war and the possibility of using a regiment or a brigade of artillery in such a way as to have what they call an indirect fire, making it very destructive, and putting it in such a situation as to avoid attack, make the development of that branch exceedingly important."

"We are now arranging the posts with a view to having the regiments of artillery together, and this bill provides for the regimental organization of field artillery. It ought to be adopted because that is the modern and accepted method. It provides also for the increased pay of some of the skilled enlisted men."

Secretary Taft also emphasized the fact that the new men that would be provided for the coast artillery would be largely used for torpedo work.

The total strength of the coast artillery and the field artillery combined now is thirteen regiments. In case the bill goes through, the coast artillery will have the equivalent of fourteen regiments and the field artillery the equivalent of six regiments. An increase of seven regiments in all in the artillery force is provided for.



JONAH KUHIO KALANIANA'OLE, Hawaiian Delegate in Congress Expected in Washington Tomorrow Night After Long Absence.

was one of the most popular figures in Washington society two years ago. Her charms and beauty were stamped in the memory of all, and there was much disappointment when the couple did not appear. Accordingly, there will now be much genuine sorrow and sympathy expressed when it is learned that the princess has undergone a most serious illness, through all of which the prince remained by her side.

Important matters interesting the Hawaiian planters, on the question of sugar, etc. were to come up in Congress, and the people of the island were anxious that their Delegate be present to look out for their interests. But he refused to leave till his wife had passed all danger. Her weakened condition, however, would not permit of her coming to Washington.

CZAR'S VENGEANCE WORKS OVERTIME

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 13.—Statistics published today regarding the political repressions during the year 1906 show that 1,252 persons were sentenced to death for political or revolutionary crimes, 2,629 were condemned to servitude in the mines, 194 were sent to Siberia for life, 5,945 were imprisoned for offenses of various degrees, 563 newspapers were suspended, and 732 responsible editors were prosecuted. The paper publishing these figures makes no attempt to estimate the enormous number of persons administratively arrested.

On account of the repeated cases of successful resistance to the police in house searches, the new prefect has ordered that raids, whenever possible be made in daytime and by an adequate force equipped with bullet proof cuirasses.

FIRST FOOD SHIP RUSHING TO CHINA

Coptic Leaves San Francisco at Full Speed for Shanghai.

That the real horrors and extent of the terrible famine in China is just beginning to dawn upon the American people is the belief expressed by officials of the State Department and the American National Red Cross. The officials themselves find each succeeding dispatch portrays the situation as more appalling, and the most sincere are being promptly made to relieve the distress.

The first shipment of food to the starving millions has been made, the steamer Coptic having been ordered to proceed under full speed from San Francisco for Shanghai. The vessel is one of the Harriman ships, the use of which was extended gratis for the use of the Red Cross in sending supplies to China. The ship is making a special relief trip, carrying nothing but food-stuffs. The principal item is flour, there being about 12,000 bags, weighing fifty pounds each.

Smallpox Horrors.

Smallpox and other diseases have added horror to the situation. Smallpox has broken out at Shanghai, which has necessitated the demolition of the mat sheds, which were quickly thrown up to shelter the thousands who flocked there in search for food.

Fully 20,000 destitute persons have been driven back toward their homes or where their homes were previous to the great floods, on account of the smallpox according to reports made through Shanghai officials by Captain Kirtin, who was sent out by the joint relief committees at Shanghai to investigate the situation. With total devastation on one side, not a bit of food to eat, and smallpox and other epidemics ravaging the refugees on the other, fully a quarter of a million of persons seem to be doomed.

At least 80,000 are likewise in the clutches of death at Antung. Every house in the vicinity of Antung visited by Captain Kirtin contained either dead or dying. Relief work is being started in the worst stricken districts, however.

Fully \$2,000,000 in money and food must reach the refugees within three months to prevent universal death, according to a report that has reached the Red Cross officials. This comes in a telegram from Dr. Klopsch, editor of the Christian Herald, in which he entailed a challenge from Mr. Ellis, who, commissioned by the Herald, made a trip into the famine districts. Mr. Ellis cabled that the conditions were far worse than previously reported, even by the foreign officials. He states that \$200,000 cabled at once will be of great help in staying off the grim reaper for a month.

The Red Cross officials are preparing to make a second cash consignment within the next few days.

Roosevelt and Platt Ousted by Postmaster

Dismissed Without Honor From Service of Government After Making an Attack on Secretary Murphy at New York Postoffice.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Postmaster Wilcox turned to his personal messenger as he drew on his overcoat yesterday.

"Taylor," said he, "if Theodore Roosevelt comes in here put him out. I want him to understand that this is no loafing place for him or any of his kind."

"Yes, sir," "And," added the postmaster after a moment's reflection, "put Tom Platt out, too. He is getting to be a nuisance. Remember—out with both of them."

"Tom ain't so bad, Mr. Postmaster," said Taylor gently. "It's all Theodore. Tom has been serving the Government many a long year, and then along comes Theodore and makes all the fuss. Tom is so old and feeble he can't stand up for his rights. All right, Mr. Postmaster, I'll put 'em out."

When the door banged shut Theodore Roosevelt walked in, with his one eye on the disappearing form of the postmaster. Theodore is yellow, one eye is gone, so is one ear, and he is tattooed as though he had started out as a plain spelling book and somebody had tried to simplify him with a knife or a blue pencil. Theodore got under the radiator.

"Now, Theodore, now," began John

son, but he bethought himself of the big stick and concluded it would be wise to open the door. "Now, Theodore," said Taylor, poking with his big stick at Theodore, who spat and pattered. "You can talk till you are blue in the face, Theodore, but there ain't going to be no whitewashing amendment to this here resolution. You cats are fired without honor by the boss, and you have got to go. See?"

The big stick was too much for Theodore, and he had to run. Tom Platt was waiting outside the door, and as soon as he saw Theodore coming out on the run he bobbed inside. Tom has been catching rats around the Federal building since reconstruction, and he won't resign, Theodore or no Theodore.

"I am awfully sorry, Tom," said Taylor, polite and fearful, "but the people of this great State says you got to go. So you got to go. Dear old Tom, I'll put a mouse in the ash barrel for you every morning."

Mr. Taylor took Tom tenderly in his arms and carried him outside. Theodore had gone up Park Row looking for a scrap with anybody, so Tom was fairly well satisfied.

That is all there is to it, Theodore. Roosevelt and Tom Platt can never again sit on the warm radiator in the postmaster's office. Theodore Roosevelt tried to tear Secretary Murphy to pieces Saturday. That's the reason both are banished.

CZAR'S NAVAL CHIEF GIVES UP HIS JOB

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 13.—Dissatisfied with the action taken in the proposed international reforms for the navy, Minister of Marine Admiral Biriouff had gone up Park Row looking for a scrap with anybody, so Tom was fairly well satisfied.

The retirement of Admiral Biriouff is coincident with the reappearance of the Emperor's former valet in the Far East, Admiral Alexieff, who, after a season of the deepest imperial displeasure, again is in favor, and probably will be made president of the commission which is to elaborate the naval reforms.

Three terrorists hanged for robbing Russian shop.

ODessa, Jan. 13.—The public gardens here were the scene of a triple execution.

Three terrorists were hanged in a row, after having been condemned to death for the armed robbery of a shop. Their trial took place before a drum-head court-martial.

TEACHER FOUND DEAD AT HER SCHOOL HOUSE

ELDORADO, Kan., Jan. 13.—The dead body of Miss Mary Glass, a young school teacher, was found early in the school house at Fairview, near here. Her throat was cut. Later, Robert Hall admitted, at his home in Fairview, where he is believed to be dying from a gash in his throat, that he and Miss Glass had quarreled at the school last night.

He declared that she attacked him and cut his throat. When asked who cut Miss Glass' throat, Hall refused to reply. At the school house there were evidences of a struggle.

NAVAL ACADEMY SERVANT IS ARRESTED FOR THEFT

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 13.—Lottie Price, colored, was arrested on the charge of stealing a diamond brooch from Mrs. Morris, wife of Lieut. Robert Morris, of the Naval Academy, by whom she was employed. She was held under bail for appearance in court at the April term.

TEST SNOW PLOW IN CITY GUTTERS

Practical Demonstration Witnessed by District Commissioners.

Commissioner West accompanied J. T. Twobey, of the street cleaning department, today to the Peace monument to witness a practical test of a snowplow designed to clean out gutters. The test was made from the Peace monument along Pennsylvania avenue to Washington circle, and along Sixth to Fourth and a-half street northwest, and along Fourth and a-half street for some distance.

The plow is of simple design, and does the work quickly and satisfactorily. It is drawn by two horses and operated by one man, and moves along without hitch, throwing the snow and ice out of the gutters, leaving them clear for the passage of water. The sample plow tested today was sent to the District government last year, but owing to the light fall of snow last winter it could not be tested.

Mr. Twobey, after the test, said that Commissioner West was highly pleased with the work of the plow, and that it would be adopted.

"The clearing of gutters of snow and ice," said Mr. Twobey, "has always been one of the problems of no little proportions that confronts the street cleaning departments of all big cities. Here in Washington, where we have such a vast territory to clear of snow, the clearing of gutters is one of gigantic proportions. This new device will clean sixteen miles of streets, or thirty-two miles of gutters on both sides of the street, in eight hours, doing the work of eight men. A man cannot clean over four miles of guttering in eight hours. We have found a machine that will save the street cleaning department many hundreds of dollars."

YOUNG FAIRBANKS WILL FACE PERJURY CHARGE

STREUBENVILLE, Ohio, Jan. 13.—Frederick C. Fairbanks, of Springfield, Ohio, son of Vice President Fairbanks, pleaded not guilty in court here today to the charge of subornation of perjury. He gave bond for \$500. He appeared in court voluntarily, and was accompanied by his uncle, N. H. Fairbanks, and Attorney Charles Stewart, of Springfield.

BUSINESS METHODS.

"Extry! Extry!" yelled the newsboy. "Why, I don't see anything unusual in this," said the customer. "Yes, there is," said the boy. "There's an unusual account of news. Extry."—Philadelphia Ledger.



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Knabe Baby Grand, rosewood case, a magnificent piano in every way	850	650	Knabe Upright Piano, a particularly fine instrument, mahogany case,	575	450	Stieff, mahogany case, like new.	200
Knabe Mignon Grand, even smaller than the Baby Grand, beautiful mahogany case, perfect order,	850	675	Knabe Upright Piano, used only a few months, like new,	500	450	Kranich & Bach, mahogany, large size.	250
Knabe Mignon Grand, ebonized case, used by a prominent diplomat for a few months,	750	625	Knabe Upright Piano, a very beautiful fancy figured mahogany case, style W,	450	425	Hardman, large size, rosewood.	200
Knabe Remodelled Grand, in rosewood case, same size as Baby Grand, every working part new, a beauty for		575	Knabe Upright Piano, mahogany case, full, rich tone, easy action and very attractive case,	500	400	Kimball, " " "	175
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						Smith & Barnes, fine mahogany case.	160
						Singer, mahogany upright, fine tone.	150
						Demarest, rosewood upright piano.	100
						Vose, upright, rosewood case.	100
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